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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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SUBJECT : Accreditation of U-2 Flying Time to [REDACTED], Former
Contract PilotREFERENCE: SAPC 17888, Admission of U-2 Time Into the Form 5 of Contract
Pilot

1. With the approval of the Deputy Project Director of referenced memorandum, attention was drawn to the fact that Project Headquarters has in its possession no flying time records for [REDACTED] former contract pilots.

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Inquiries by cable have been directed to each of the three detachments in an effort to locate these flying records. Each detachment has replied that such records are not in its possession. On 29 July I contacted [REDACTED] by long distance telephone to inquire whether he had in his possession a personal copy of flying time he accomplished while on the Project. I explained to him that we are now prepared to admit subject flying time into the official Form 5 of those individuals who have returned to the Air Force.

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2. [REDACTED] advised me that he did not have such a record of flying time, and he further advised me that if such a record were presently available, he would ask that we not admit it to his official records at this time. When questioned on the matter [REDACTED] pointed out that since his transfer to Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, things have gone so smoothly for him that he is fearful that the surfacing of U-2 time in his Form 5 would recreate a similar situation to that which he experienced at Williams AFB. I informed [REDACTED] that we recognized and accepted his feeling on this matter and would not attempt to force the issue. I further pointed out that if he declined our offer (of admitting U-2 time to his record) indefinitely, there existed a possibility that at some future time when he would want the time admitted, he would be unable to contact the correct, responsible individuals who could handle the matter for him. He suggested that perhaps by the end of this calendar year, after the U-2 has become a little more widely known and accepted in Air Force circles, he would ask for the admission of this flying time to his record.

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3. In the meantime, upon my request he will attempt to recall from memory the approximate number of flights, dates of flights, and length of time of flights which were accomplished by him while he was

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with the Project. This he will forward to us for retention at Project Headquarters and for possible future admission to his records. It is my personal opinion that [REDACTED] as a result of his very unfortunate experience at Williams Air Force Base, is oversensitive to the possibility of uncalled-for questioning and speculation that would result from U-2 time being admitted to his Form 5. However, I feel a decision as to whether the time will be admitted should be left up to the individual concerned and we will, therefore, honor his request at this time.

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[REDACTED]
Personnel Officer

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